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The Secretariat

**Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE
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Thirteenth OSCE Economic Forum

**“Demographic Trends, Migration and Integrating Persons belonging to National Minorities:
Ensuring Security and Sustainable Development in the OSCE area”**

Third Preparatory Seminar for the Thirteenth OSCE Economic Forum

**Integrating Persons belonging to National Minorities:
Economic and other Perspectives**

Kyiv, Ukraine, 10-11 March 2005

Venue: President-hotel “Kyivsky”

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Thursday, 10 March 2005

09.00 – 10.00 Opening plenary session

- Welcoming remarks by representatives of the host country, the OSCE Chairmanship, the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine and the OCEEA

10.00-11.00 Plenary Session: National minorities in the OSCE region: promoting integration and preventing discrimination

- National minorities in the OSCE region;
- Integration and conflict prevention - the options: integration versus assimilation or separation; different types and levels of integration;
- How to integrate minorities: the respective roles of education, economic, political and social participation;
- Integration through the promotion of equal treatment and non-discrimination;

Speakers:

Mr. John de Fonblanque, Director, Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko, Head of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Committee on Human Rights, National Minorities and Interethnic Relations

Mr. Valery Tishkov, Director, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Science

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 Panel Discussion: Economic and Social aspects related to the integration of persons belonging to national minorities

- Economic participation/opportunity as a precondition for full participation of minorities in society; the economic costs of non-integration of minorities (conflict potential, non-productivity, cost of unemployment and social problems);
- Opportunities for minorities on the labour market; how to overcome obstacles to economic empowerment (employment and self-employment); encouraging entrepreneurship by minorities; equal treatment or affirmative action to reduce inequalities; role of business sector;
- Prevention of discrimination with regards to social services and health care (access, dependency, etc) and social interaction with majority communities (including housing);

Panellists:

Mr. Krzysztof Drzewicki, Senior Lead Adviser, Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

Ms. Tove Malloy, Senior Research Associate, European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg, Germany

Mr. Latif Kengerlinskiy, Director, CRRC Azerbaijan

Mr. Shmuel Steven Adler, Director, Planning and Research Division, Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, Israel

Mr. David Smallbone, Professor of Entrepreneurship and Small Business, Associate Director, Small Business Research Centre, Kingston University, United Kingdom

Ms. Milva Radovanovic, Manager, Project Development Center, Brčko District Development Agency, Bosnia and Herzegovina

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.00 Panel Discussion: Education Policies for Integration

- The role of education in promoting tolerance and addressing prejudice in a multi-cultural society; civic education and integration of minorities; the importance of the history syllabus; integrated or separate schools for minorities;
- Language teaching and integration; effective communication in the State language as the key to economic and political participation; mother tongue education - the key to maintenance of cultural identity; multi-lingual education as a way of acquiring strong communication skills;

Panellists:

Ms. Gaisha Ibragimova, Deputy Minister for Education of Kyrgyzstan, Chair of Working Group on Integration through Education

Mr. Guntars Catlaks, Director of Research, Education International, Brussels, Belgium

Ms. Christina Johnsson, Senior Lecturer, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University, Sweden

Ms. Beatrice Schulter, OSCE-HCNM Programme Coordinator in Georgia

Mr. Igor Savin, Director, Dialogue NGO, Kazakhstan

Mr. Arustan Joldasov, Director, Center for Social and Marketing Research in Central Asia "Expert fikri", Uzbekistan

16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee break*

16.30 – 18.00 **Panel Discussion: The importance of good governance for the management of integration**

- Political participation and minority access to political representative and legislative bodies at national and regional level;
- Minority participation in executive bodies (police, administration, judiciary);
- Minority participation in economic representative bodies (tri-partite bodies, unions, etc);
- National experiences and institutional developments: practical examples and lessons learned;
- Effective practices to date from the OSCE region;

Panellists:

Mr. John de Fonblanque, Director, Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

Mr. Michal Vašečka, Program Director, 'Ethnic Minorities' Program, Senior Policy Analyst, Institute for Public Affairs, Slovakia

Mr. Mitja Žagar, Director and Associate Professor, Institute for Ethnic Studies, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Mr. Viktor Nikitiuk, Head of Euro-Atlantic Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine

Ms. Merja Lahtinen, Programme Advisor, Secretariat of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Council of Europe

Friday, 11 March 2005

09.00 – 10.30 **Parallel Working Groups**

- Key issues from the plenary sessions (economic and social aspects related to integration, preventing discrimination, education for integration, public participation, the role of good governance, etc);

Working Group A: The role of Governments

Working Group B: The role of civil society

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 Parallel Working Groups

- Key issues from the plenary sessions (economic and social aspects related to integration, preventing discrimination, education for integration, public participation, the role of good governance, etc);

Working Group C: The role of International Organizations

Working Group D: The role of business community

12.45 – 13.30 Closing Session

- Presentations of the conclusions and suggestions for action and follow up by the OSCE and its Participating States
- Closing remarks

13.30 Lunch



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Kyiv, Ukraine, 10 - 11 March 2005

Organizational Modalities

**Conference Venue:
President-hotel “Kyivsky”
12, Hospitalna stree, Kyiv, Ukraine
tel +380 44 220 19 34
fax +380 44 220 45 68
Irina Komarova, irina@gestalt.com.ua
<http://ukrhotel.com>**

Participants will have at their disposal a conference room for the plenary sessions and the working group sessions.

Access to PCs and Internet will be available in a separate delegation room.

A conference secretariat will provide assistance for speakers and participants. Printing and copying facilities for the display and distribution of relevant publications, documents and information materials will be available.

Technical equipment for presentation of audio-visual materials will be provided upon advance request (power point, overhead, flip chart).

PARTICIPATION

Representatives of OSCE participating States, OSCE institutions and field presences, representatives of International Organizations and representatives of business community, Non-Governmental Organizations and academic community will participate in the Seminar. The Partners for co-operation and the Mediterranean Partners for co-operation are invited to attend the seminar.

The seminar should stimulate a free-flowing discussion out of which recommendations to the OSCE and its participating States should emerge. *To this end, no formal interventions in the form of prepared statements are envisaged.* However, written materials may be submitted in advance for circulation by the OSCE Secretariat. **No fee for participation is requested.**

WORKING MODUS OF THE SESSIONS:

The **Plenary Session** (Thursday, 10 March 2005) will have presentations of experts followed by discussions.

The Panel Discussions I, II and III (Thursday, 10 March 2005, 11:30 – 18:00) will bring together groups of experts who, facilitated by a moderator, will discuss the issues related to the theme of the respective Session. They may also expect questions from the audience and participants are invited to join into the debate.

Parallel Working Groups A, B and C, D (Friday, 11 March 2005, 09:00 – 12:30) are dedicated to 'group work', which based on the discussions in the previous panel sessions, should focus on what could concretely be done in addressing the issues of the seminar and how OSCE might assist, as well as to come up with proposals and suggestions for further action. No presentations are foreseen.

ACCREDITATION: Deadline: 3 March 2005

Please return the attached seminar “registration form” (Annex 1) to the OSCE Secretariat (Contact: Ms. Andrea Gredler: andrea.gredler@osce.org, Fax: + 43 1 514 36 6251, Tel: + 43 1 51436 575), *completed with your precise arrival and departure time and hotel information.*

REGISTRATION AT THE CONFERENCE

Registration will take place at the President-hotel “Kyivsky” on the ground floor in the lobby on Wednesday 9 March 2005 (17:00 – 19:00) and on Thursday, 10 March 2005 (08.00 – 17.00)

Participants are kindly requested to contact the registration desk located on the ground floor of the “Kyivsky” hotel in front of the “European Hall”, where on-site registration, distribution of meeting badges and circulation of documents will take place.

Please note that conference badges are required for access to all the Seminar Events. They will be issued on presentation of the participants’ passport or ID.

Press will have access to the Opening and Closing plenaries only.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Participants, if required under the Ukrainian law, are requested to make their own arrangements for securing a visa for entry into Ukraine at the respective Consulate of Ukraine. The Embassies of Ukraine will be informed about the seminar and handle the visas with priority. When submitting your visa request, please inquire about the option for the issuance of a visa free-of-charge to be provided to the participants of this seminar.

It is requested to add a faxed/scanned copy of a personal invitation letter from the OSCE Coordinator of economic and environmental activities or the respective OSCE Field Presence present in the country, and/or a Note Verbale issued from the respective national authorities.

It is highly recommended to apply as soon as possible and no later than 7 calendar days before the arrival date in Kyiv.

A visa is required for following countries:

Afghanistan Albania (except DP and SP) Algeria Andorra Austria (except DP) Belgium (except DP) Bosnia and Herzegovina (except DP and SP) Bulgaria (except DP and SP) Canada Croatia (except DP and SP) Cyprus (except DP and SP) Czech Republic (except DP) Denmark (except DP) Egypt Estonia (except DP) Finland (except DP) France (except DP) Germany (except DP) Greece (except DP) Holy See (except DP) Iceland Ireland (except DP) Israel (except DP) Italy (except DP) Japan Jordan	Korea Latvia (except DP) Liechtenstein Luxembourg (except DP) Malta (except DP) Monaco Morocco Netherlands (except DP) Norway (except DP) Portugal (except DP) Romania (except DP and SP) San Marino Slovak Republic (except DP and SP) Slovenia (except DP) Spain (except DP) Sweden (except DP) Switzerland (except DP and SP) Thailand the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (except DP and SP) Tunisia Turkey (except DP and SP) Turkmenistan (except DP and SP) United Kingdom (except DP) United States of America Serbia and Montenegro (except DP and SP)
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Nationals of the following countries are exempted from visa:

Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Georgia
Hungary
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Lithuania
Moldova
Poland
Russian Federation
Tajikistan
Uzbekistan

HOTEL RESERVATION

Block reservations with special group rates have been made at the President hotel “Kyivsky”:
The special rate for a room is: EUR 76

Contact: Irina Komarova

Fax: +380 44 490 51 60

Phone: +380 44 490 51 60

E-mail: irina@gestalt.com.ua

Rooms should be booked by participants directly by contacting Ms. Irina Komarova (irina@gestalt.com.ua). **Please quote ‘participant to the OSCE Seminar’** when booking the room and send a copy of your registration form.

Deadline for bookings: The special rate is only valid for reservations made till **1 March 2005**. After that date the rooms cannot be guaranteed.

Please consult Annex 3 to find further hotels in Kyiv.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

A list of flight schedules for the main capitals to Kyiv can be found in Annex 2.

TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL:

Free of charge transfers from the airport to your hotel will be provided at arrival and departure. Information about the transfers will be available at the Airport.

Please note that the transfer can only be provided to participants who have registered and clearly indicated their time of arrival and the hotel booked on the registration form attached in Annex 1.

TRANSLATION SERVICES

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the sessions of the seminar in English and Russian. Translation into Ukrainian will be provided at the Opening Session.

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION & REGISTRATION:

Participants are welcome to distribute documents related to their Organization and/or to the theme of the Seminar. All documents have to be submitted for registration to the Conference Secretariat prior to distribution. We kindly request the receipt of documents in electronic format and well in advance to facilitate their timely distribution.

CONTACT:

OSCE SECRETARIAT, VIENNA

For substantial issues: Mr. Gabriel Leonte, Tel: +43 1 514 36 776, Fax: +43 1 514 36 6251, Email: Gabriel.Leonte@osce.org

For logistical queries: Ms. Andrea Gredler, Tel: +43 1 514 36 575, Fax: +43 1 514 36 96, Email: Andrea.Gredler@osce.org

Information are also available on the OSCE web site: <http://www.osce.org/eea>



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State/Delegation/Institution:		
«Organization/Delegation»		
Title (Amb, Mr, Ms, Dr)	First Name	Family Name
Position:		
Department: «Position»		
Mailing Address:		
«Postal Address»		
Phone (with country code)	Fax:	E-Mail:
Participant:	Title of presentation:	
Speaker:		
TRAVEL INFORMATION:		
Arrival Date:	By plane: Arrival time:	Flight Number:
Departure Date:	By plane: Departure time:	Flight Number:
Hotel in Kyiv:		

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- **Visa Information:** Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for securing a visa.
- **Venue:** President-hotel “Kyivsky”, 12, Hospitalna street, Kyiv, Ukraine; tel +380 44 220 19 34; fax +380 44 220 45 68
- **Travel and Accommodation:** Participants are kindly requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements, which will not be paid for by the OSCE.
- **Shuttle transfer from Airport to Hotel/Conference venue:** will be provided free of charge upon receipt of travel information (see item “travel information” above).

Information on flights to/from KYIV**Wednesday, 9 March**

Destination	Fly №	Departure time	Arrival time
Prague - Kyiv	VV 210	0905	1215
Vienna - Kyiv	OS 661	1035	1340
	PS 846	2015	2310
Paris - Kyiv	AF2652	1000	1410
	PS 702	1100	1515
Warsaw - Kyiv	VV 208	1040	1305
Budapest - Kyiv	MA 110	1250	1525
Barcelona – Kyiv	PS 996	1925	0010+1
Roma - Kyiv	PS 306	1910	2300
Brussels -Kyiv	PS 902	2000	2345
Zurich -Kyiv	PS:LX4270	1210	1550
Amsterdam -Kyiv	PS 102	1000	1400
	KL1385	1105	1455
Moscow -Kyiv	VV 406	1035	1110
	7D 152	1115	1145
	7D:S74152	1115	1145
	SU 187	1230	1255
	VV 408	1710	1745
	UN 201	1750	1810
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	SU 169	2150	2230
	VV 416	2230	2315
Ashgabat -Kyiv	VV 412	0440	0550
Stockholm - Kyiv	VV 216	0810	1125
Chisinau - Kyiv	VV4135	0850	1010
Minsk - Kyiv	B2 45	0900	1040
Athens - Kyiv	VV 228	1515	1940
	OA8228	1515	1940
London – Kyiv	BA 882	0805	1325
	PS 502	1200	1720

Thursday, 10 March

Prague - Kyiv	VV1210	0955	1310
Vienna - Kyiv	OS 661	1035	1340
	PS 846	2015	2310
Paris - Kyiv	AF2652	1000	1410
Madrid - Kyiv	PS 942	1300	1810
Zurich -Kyiv	PS:LX4270	1210	1550
Amsterdam -Kyiv	PS 102	1000	1400
	KL1385	1105	1455
Moscow -Kyiv	VV 406	1035	1110
	7D 152	1115	1145
	7D:S74152	1115	1145
	SU 187	1230	1255
	VV 408	1710	1745
	UN 201	1750	1810
	S7:7D4159	1830	1850
	S7 159	1830	1850
	SU 169	2150	2230
	VV 416	2230	2315
Yerevan -Kyiv	U8 855	0700	0735
Baku -Kyiv	J26683	0935	1050
Vilnius -Kyiv	TE:TE 338	1240	1415
Riga -Kyiv	BT 402	1330	1515
Lisbon – Kyiv	PS 952	2220	0510
Chisinau - Kyiv	VV4135	0850	1010

Minsk - Kyiv	UF 108	1530	1700
London – Kyiv	BA 882	0805	1325
	PS 502	1200	1720

Friday, 11 March

Kyiv - Prague	VV 209	0605	0715
Kyiv – Vienna	PS 845	0800	0900
	OS 662	1515	1625
Kyiv - Paris	PS 701	0740	1000
	AF2653	1505	1725
Kyiv - Roma	PS 305	1620	1810
Kyiv - Brussels	PS:SN5232	1630	1825
Kyiv - Zurich	PS:LX4271	0920	1110
	PS 471	0920	1110
Kyiv- Amsterdam	PS 101	0705	0905
	KL1386	1550	1800
Kyiv - Moscow	SU 170	0615	0900
	VV 405	0700	0935
	7D 151	0740	1015
	7D:S74151	0740	1015
	VV 407	1315	1600
	SU 188	1430	1715
	VV 415	1855	2130
	UN 202	1900	2120
	S7:7D4160	1950	2210
	S7 160	1950	2210
Kyiv- Tbilisi	A9 658	2100	0015+1
Kyiv-Tallinn	OV 312	1630	1820
Kyiv-Riga	BT 403	1605	1745
Kyiv - Helsinki	PS 621	0915	1115
Kyiv – Sofia	VV 205	0610	0810
Kyiv – New York	VV 131	1200	1530
Kyiv - Lisbon	PS 951	1740	2040
Kyiv – Minsk	UF 107	0950	1120
	B2 46	1750	1930
Kyiv – Athens	OA8229	0710	0950
	VV 229	0710	0950
Kyiv - London	PS 501	0900	1030
	BA 883	1415	1555

Saturday, 12 March

Kyiv - Prague	OK 917	1525	1620
Kyiv – Vienna	PS 845	0800	0900
	OS 662	1515	1625
Kyiv – Frankfurt	PS 401	0820	1005
	LH3237	1400	1550
Kyiv - Paris	AF2653	1505	1725
Kyiv - Barcelona	PS 995	1550	1840
Kyiv- Amsterdam	PS 101	0705	0905
	KL1386	1550	1800
Kyiv - Moscow	SU 170	0615	0900
	VV 405	0700	0935
	VV 407	1315	1600
	SU 188	1430	1715
	VV 415	1855	2130
	UN 202	1900	2120
Kyiv-Baku	VV 419	1420	1950
Kyiv- Ashgabat	T5 742	1630	2210
Kyiv - London	PS 501	0900	1030
	BA 883	1415	1555

LIST OF HOTELS IN KYIV**1. Hotel “Dnipro”, (15 min drive)**

½, Kreshchatik street <http://www.dniprohotel.Kyiv.ua/>

Single room: EUR 80

2. Hotel “Lybid”, (15 min drive)

1, Pobedy square <http://en.hotellybid.com.ua/main/>

Single room: EUR 73

3. Hotel “Express”, (15 min drive)

38/40, Taras Shevchenko street.

Single room: EUR 55

You may also want to check the following site for other options <http://www.Kyiv-hotels.1bigeuropa.com/>